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The tiny, empty shoes are hidden deep
within the closet's corner, far from view.
But they linger in my dreams when I sleep-
ask who you would have been if you had grew.
My child, I can see you run around
when I close my eyes on this warm morning.
Haunting music plays softly in the background,
complimenting my internal mourning.
I've learned young death does not discriminate,
but a question's tension stays in my brain:
Am I to blame, or the cruel games of fate,
that I live with this ever-present pain?
I place my hands on my growing stomach
and feel your little sibling start to kick.